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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Rickey *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/263,098

Filed: March 5, 1999



Art Unit: 1762

Examiner: To be assigned

Atty. Docket: 00166.0063.US04

For: **Preparation of Biodegradable,
Biocompatible Microparticles
Containing A Biologically Active
Agent**

Second Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following Second Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned application prior to the examination thereof.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims 2-29.

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